



Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0079

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**Kazunari TAIRA et al.** ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
)  
Serial No.: 09/974,974 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
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Filed: October 12, 2001 )  
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For: **NUCLEIC ACID ENZYMES** )  
**ACQUIRING AN ACTIVITY FOR** )  
**CLEAVING A TARGET RNA BY** )  
**RECOGNIZING ANOTHER** )  
**MOLECULE** )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO RESPOND TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Notice To File Missing Parts dated November 15, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed. This amount represents the extension fee for filing the Response To Notice To File Missing Parts within two months following the expiration of the due date.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

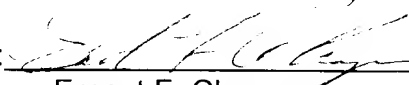
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